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STATE OF CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT

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Isidro DeLuna

Petitioner

vs.

A. Kane, warden

Respondent

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

No.

S139852

(To be supplied by the Clerk of the Court)

INSTRUCTIONS — READ CAREFULLY

- If you are challenging an order of commitment or a criminal conviction and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county that made the order.
- If you are challenging the conditions of your confinement and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county in which you are confined.

• Read the entire form *before* answering any questions.

• This petition must be clearly handwritten in ink or typed. You should exercise care to make sure all answers are true and correct. Because the petition includes a verification, the making of a statement that you know is false may result in a conviction for perjury.

• Answer all applicable questions in the proper spaces. If you need additional space, add an extra page and indicate that your answer is "continued on additional page."

• If you are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you need file only the original unless local rules require additional copies. Many courts require more copies.

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• If you are filing this petition in the California Supreme Court, file the original and thirteen copies.

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This petition concerns:

A conviction

Parole

A sentence

Credits

Jail or prison conditions

Prison discipline

Other (specify): PETITIONER HAS BEEN HELD IN CUSTODY UNCONSTITUTIONALLY

1. Your name: Isidro DeLuna

2. Where are you incarcerated? Correctional Training Facility. Located in Soledad, California

3. Why are you in custody? Criminal Conviction Civil Commitment

Answer subdivisions a. through i. to the best of your ability.

a. State reason for civil commitment or, if criminal conviction, state nature of offense and enhancements (for example, "robbery with use of a deadly weapon").

Second Degree Murder with the use of firearm

b. Penal or other code sections: Penal Code §§ 187, 190 (a) , 12022.5

c. Name and location of sentencing or committing court: SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT.

d. Case number: 101994

e. Date convicted or committed: August 29, 1985

f. Date sentenced: October 11, 1985

g. Length of sentence: 15-years to life and 2-years for the use of the firearm

h. When do you expect to be released? No release date has been set yet.

i. Were you represented by counsel in the trial court? Yes. No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address:

Nazario A. Gonzales

840 Guadalupe Pky, San Jose, Ca. 95110-1766

4. What was the LAST plea you entered? (check one)

Not guilty Guilty Nolo Contendere Other: _____

5. If you pleaded not guilty, what kind of trial did you have?

Jury Judge without a jury Submitted on transcript Awaiting trial

6. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

Ground 1: State briefly the ground on which you base your claim for relief. For example, "the trial court imposed an illegal enhancement." (If you have additional grounds for relief, use a separate page for each ground. State ground 2 on page four. For additional grounds, make copies of page four and number the additional grounds in order.)

SEE THE GROUNDS, SUPPORTING FACTS AND AUTHORITIES ATTACHED HERETO.

a. Supporting facts:

Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law. If you are challenging the legality of your conviction, describe the facts upon which your conviction is based. *If necessary, attach additional pages.* CAUTION: You must state facts, not conclusions. For example, if you are claiming incompetence of counsel you must state facts specifically setting forth what your attorney did or failed to do and how that affected your trial. Failure to allege sufficient facts will result in the denial of your petition. (See *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304.) A rule of thumb to follow is: *who did exactly what to violate your rights at what time (when) or place (where).* (*If available, attach declarations, relevant records, transcripts, or other documents supporting your claim.*)

b. Supporting cases, rules, or other authority (optional):

(Briefly discuss, or list by name and citation, the cases or other authorities that you think are relevant to your claim. If necessary, attach an extra page.)

7. **Ground 2 or Ground** _____ (*if applicable*):

SEE THE GROUNDS, SUPPORTING FACTS AND AUTHORITIES ATTACHED HERETO.

a. Supporting facts:

b. Supporting cases, rules, or other authority:

8. Did you appeal from the conviction, sentence, or commitment? Yes. No. If yes, give the following information:

a. Name of court ("Court of Appeal" or "Appellate Dept. of Superior Court"):

b. Result: _____

c. Date of decision: _____

d. Case number or citation of opinion, if known: _____

e. Issues raised: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

f. Were you represented by counsel on appeal? Yes. No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address, if known:

9. Did you seek review in the California Supreme Court? Yes. No. If yes, give the following information:

a. Result: _____ b. Date of decision: _____

c. Case number or citation of opinion, if known: _____

d. Issues raised: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

10. If your petition makes a claim regarding your conviction, sentence, or commitment that you or your attorney did not make on appeal, explain why the claim was not made on appeal:

N/A

11. Administrative Review:

a. If your petition concerns conditions of confinement or other claims for which there are administrative remedies, failure to exhaust administrative remedies may result in the denial of your petition, even if it is otherwise meritorious. (See *In re Muszalski* (1975) 52 Cal.App.3d 500 [125 Cal.Rptr. 286].) Explain what administrative review you sought or explain why you did not seek such review:

No administrative review is required. See Exhibit "A" on page 1, and
Exhibit "G" on page 12.

b. Did you seek the highest level of administrative review available? Yes. No.
Attach documents that show you have exhausted your administrative remedies.

12. Other than direct appeal, have you filed any other petitions, applications, or motions with respect to this conviction, commitment, or issue in any court? Yes. If yes, continue with number 13. No. If no, skip to number 15.

13. a. (1) Name of court: Santa Clara County Superior Court

(2) Nature of proceeding (for example, "habeas corpus petition"): HABEAS CORPUS PETITION

(3) Issues raised: (a) No evidence support the findings of the Board on Parole suitability.

(b) The Government has not jurisdiction to increase the penalty of 2nd degree murder.

(4) Result (Attach order or explain why unavailable): Petition granted. See a copy of the decision at Exhibit "A".

(5) Date of decision: Jan. 20, 2004.

b. (1) Name of court: The Government appealed the Superior Court's decision. See In re DeLuna,

(2) Nature of proceeding: 24 Cal. Rptr.3d 643 (Cal. App. 6 Dist 2005).

(3) Issues raised: (a) _____

(b) _____

(4) Result (Attach order or explain why unavailable): _____

(5) Date of decision: _____

c. For additional prior petitions, applications, or motions, provide the same information on a separate page.

14. If any of the courts listed in number 13 held a hearing, state name of court, date of hearing, nature of hearing, and result:

15. Explain any delay in the discovery of the claimed grounds for relief and in raising the claims in this petition. (See *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304.)

16. Are you presently represented by counsel? Yes. No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address, if known:

17. Do you have any petition, appeal, or other matter pending in any court? Yes. No. If yes, explain:

18. If this petition might lawfully have been made to a lower court, state the circumstances justifying an application to this court:
Petitioner sought relief in the Monterey County Superior Court and in the Court of Appeals 6th Dist however, he was not provide with the relief he sought (Release from cusody).

I, the undersigned, say: I am the petitioner in this action. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing allegations and statements are true and correct, except as to matters that are stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Date: December 20, 2005


 (SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

16 On August 29, 1985, petitioner pleaded guilty to second degree murder and to the
17 use of the firearm. See Exhibit "B" pages 2, 6.

18 On October 11, 1985 petitioner was sentenced to 15-years to life plus two years
19 for the use of a firearm. See Exhibit "B" on page 2.

20 On August 23, 1986 petitioner started serving his 15-years to life term.

21 The Minimum Eligible Parole Release Date was on August 17, 1996. See Exhibit "G"
22 on pages 1-2.

23 On October 3, 1994 the Board of Prison Terms (BPT or Board) held petitioner's
24 initial parole consideration hearing. Since then a series of Parole Suitability
25 Hearings have been held without finding him suitable for a parole release date.

1 On March 27, 2002 a Parole Suitability Hearing was held. Petitioner sought
2 relief from this hearing. The Santa Clara County Superior Court granted petitioner's
3 petition. See the decision at Exhibit "A".

4 The Government appealed the decision of the California Superior Court. See the
5 Decision of the California Court of Appeals 6th Dist. In re DeLuna 24 Cal.3d 643
6 (2005). The Court of Appeals affirmed in part the decision of the Superior Court
7 and remanded petitioner's petition to the Superior Court to grant petitioner's
8 petition because there was not evidence to support the findings of the Board.

9 Another Parole Suitability Hearing was held on April 17, 2005 where Parole
10 Release Date was denied on the commitment offense circumstance only. See
11 Exhibit "G" on pages 76-82.

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23 UNDER FOUR DIFFERENT APPROACHES PETITIONER POSSESS PROTECTED LIBERTY
4 INTEREST IN PAROLE SUITABILITY DECISIONS PROTECTED BY THE DUE PROCESS
5 CLAUSE TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND HE FURTHER POSSESS
6 PROTECTION FROM THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE ON ITS OWN FORCE.7 **First.** The California Supreme Court held that prisoners possess a protected
8 liberty interest in connection with parole decisions rendered by the Board, that
9 it would be anomalous to conclude that they possess no comparable interest when
10 such decisions are reviewed by the Governor, where such review must be based upon
11 the same factors considered by the Board. That under California law, this liberty
12 interest underlying a Governor's parole review decisions is protected by the Due
13 Process of law. *In re Rosenkrantz*, 29 Cal. 4th 616, 660-661, 664, 128 Cal. Rptr.2d
14 104, 143-144, 146 (Cal. 2002).15 In *Vitek v. Jones*, 445 U.S. 480, 488-489, 100 S. Ct. 1254, 1261 (1980) the Court
16 held, "Once a State has granted prisoners a liberty interest, we held that due
17 process protection are necessary "to insure that the State-created right is not
18 arbitrarily abrogated." See also *Wolff v. McDonnell*, 418 U.S. 539, 557, 94 S. Ct.
19 2963, 2975, 41 L.Ed.2d 935 (1974); *Meachum v. Fano*, 427 U.S. 215, 226, 96 S. Ct.
20 2532, 2539 (1976); *Dent v. West Virginia*, 129 U.S. 114, 123, 9 S.Ct. 231, 233,
21 32 L.Ed. 623 (1889).22
23 Therefore, under this approach petitioner possess a protected liberty interest
24 conferred to him by the State of California on parole suitability decisions and
25 it is protected by the Due Process Clause to the United States Constitution.

1 SECOND. Petitioner possess protected liberty interest based on the nature of
2 the interest he has been deprived.

3 In *Sandin v. Conner*, 515 U.S. 472, 480-484, 115 S.Ct. 2293, 2299-2300, fn. 5,
4 132 L. Ed.2d 418 (1995) the Court held that the protected liberty interest inquiry
5 shall not be focused on the language of the regulation but on the nature of the
6 deprivation. See also *Board of Regents of State Colleges v. Roth*, 408 U.S. 564,
7 570-571, 92 S. Ct. 2701, 2705-2706 (1972); *Meachum v. Fano*, *supra*, 427 U.S. 215,
8 224, 96 S. Ct. 2532, 2538.

9 In *Hewitt v. Helms*, 459 U.S. 460, 470, 103 S. CT. 864, 870 (1983) the Court
10 found protected liberty interest in an administrative segregation issue even when
11 the Court held that, "The deprivations imposed in the course of the daily opera-
12 tions of an institution are likely to be minor when compared to the release from
13 custody at issue in parole decisions and good time credits."

14 In *Board of Regents of State Colleges v. Roth*, *supra*, 408 U.S. at 571, 92 S. Ct.
15 at 2706 the Court held that, "Liberty" and "Property" are broad and majestic terms.
16 That they are among the "great constitutional concepts.

17 Therefore, on the nature of the deprivation to be released from custody in
18 parole decisions petitioner possess protected liberty interest.

19 In *Sandin v. Oconner*, *supra*, 515 U.S. at 480-484, 115 S. Ct. at 2299-2300, fn. 5
20 the Court overruled *Hewitt v. Helms*, *supra*, 459 U.S. 460, 103 S. Ct. 864 on the
21 issue that protected liberty interest inquiry shall not be focused on the language
22 of the regulation.

23 Contrary to the clearly established law of the United States Supreme Court a
24 United States District Court in *Sass v. Cal. Bd. of Prison Terms*, 376 F. Supp. 2d
25 975 (E.D. Cal. 2005) held that we (prisoners) don't have protected liberty interest
26 on parole suitability decisions protected by the Due Process Clause to the United
27 States Constitution.

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1 In Sass the Court contrary to the clearly established law by the United
2 States Supreme Court focused on the mandatory language of the statute rather
3 than on the nature of the deprivation.

4 But lets assume for purpose of argument that the inquiry shall be focused on
5 the mandatory language of the statute, the decision in Sass is still contrary to
6 the United States Supreme Court's clearly established law.

7 The inquiry on the language of the statute not only shall be focused on the
8 mandatory language; but also on the conditions imposed to the inmates. See
9 Board of Pardons v. Allen (1987) 482 U.S. 369, 372-373, 107 S. Ct. 2415, 2417-
10 2418, 2429, fn. 9; Greenholtz v. Inmates of Nebraska Penal & Corr., 442 U.S. 1,
11 12, 99 S.Ct. 2100, 2106 (1979).

12 In California an inmate is not entitle to be released on parole unless he meet
13 the special conditions of parole. In re Rosenkrantz, 29 Cal.4th 616, 656, 128 Cal.
14 Rptr.2d 104, 139; Title 15 of CCR . Sec. 2401, 2402, 2403.

15 In Sass the Court didn't consider the mandatory language of the regulations,
16 it didn't consider the conditions an inmate must meet before he be released on
17 parole. The Court only focused on the mandatory language of Penal Code 3041.
18 Therefore, the decision of the Sass Court either under the rule of the nature of
19 the deprivation or under the rule of the mandatory language is unreasonable and
20 contrary to the clearly established law by the United States Supreme Court.

21 This Court only needs to read Board of Pardons v. Allen, *supra*, 482 U.S. 369;
22 and Greenholtz v. Inmates of Nebraska Pen. & Corr., *supra*, 442 U.S. 1 and compare
23 the statutes on Montana and nebraska with the statute of California to conclude
24 that petitioner possess protected liberty interest because the statutes in the
25 three states are indistinguishable.

26 In Greenholtz and Board of Pardons v. Allen the Court made its own independent
27 interpretation of the State Statutes.

1 Therefore, the law requires the Federal Court to make its own interpretation
2 of Penal Code 3041 independent from the interpretation of the State Court. Williams
3 v. Taylor, 529 U.S. 362, 378-379, 384, 389, 402, 411, 120 S. Ct. 1495, 1505, 1508,
4 1511, 1517, 1522 (2000).

5 Petitioner submit to this Court that he possess protected liberty interest in
6 Parole Suitability decisions protected by the Due Process Clause to the United
7 States Constitution.

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9 **THIRD.** When the State misapplied its own law it creates a protected
10 liberty interest reviewable in habeas corpus petition. Hicks v. Oklahoma, (1980)
11 447 U.S. 343, 346, 100 S. CT. 2227, 2229, 65 L.Ed.2d 175; Ballard v. Estelle,
12 937 F.2d 453, 546 (9th Cir. 1991).

13 For the reasons state in this petition the State of California has misapplied
14 its own law. It misapplied its own law when it construed Penal Code 3041, and
15 it has misapplied its own law on parole suitability decisions. See the grounds
16 raised in this petition.

17 **FOUR.** Petitioner possess protected liberty interest because he has been
18 punished in excess of the time authorized by the statutory law for the crime he
19 was convicted. Hicks v. Oklahoma, *supra*, 447 U.S. 343, 346, 100 S. Ct. at 2229;
20 Whalen v. United States, 445 U.S. 684, 63 L. Ed. 2d 715, 100 S. Ct. 1432, fn. 4
21 (1980).

22 The UNited States Supreme Court requires lines between the sentences when the
23 crime is divided into degrees. Solem v. Helm, 77 L.Ed.2d 637, 652-653, (1983).

24 In California the lines are the matrices to set the base term. Title 15 of
25 CCR 2403 (b) and (c).

26 Petitioner has served a term in excess of the maximum term required by the
27 Matrix for the base term of second degree murder convictions. CCR 2403 (c).

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1 The law require some evidence to be on the record to support the decision.
2 See Superintendent Mass. Corr. Institution v. Hill, 472 U.S. 445, 454-457,
3 105 S. Ct. 2768, 2773-2775 (1985); In re Rosenkrantz, *supra*, 29 Cal. 4th 616,
4 656-657, 128 Cal. Rptr.2d 104, 139-140.

5 At the present time the record is void of the some evidence required to hold
6 petitioner in custody in excess of the time required by the Matrix for the base
7 term for second degree murder convictions.

8 Due to the fact that petitioner has been punished in excess of the time
9 authorized by the statutory law, he possess protection from the due process
10 clause on its own force. *Sandin v. Conner*, *supra*, 515 U.S. 472, 115 S. Ct. 2293,
11 2295; *Wolff v. McDonnell*, *supra*, 418 U.S. 539, 555-556, 94 S. Ct. 2963, 2974-2975.

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13 For the foregoing reasons petitioner submit to this court that he possess
14 protected liberty interest in Parole Suitability Decisions and he further has
15 protection on its own force from the Due Process Clause to the United States
16 Constitution because he has served a period of time in excess of the time requi-
17 red by the State Law for the crime petitioner committed.

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20 Because petitioner possess protected liberty interest in parole decisions under
21 the California and United States Constitutions his claims are reviewable under
22 both constitutions.

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4 UNDER THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE TO THE CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES
5 CONSTITUTIONS PETITIONER HAS THE RIGHT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR RELEASE ON
6 PAROLE UNDER THE LAW THAT WAS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME HE WAS CONVICTED
7 AND THIS COURT SHALL REVIEW PETITIONER'S PETITION UNDER THE LAW THAT WAS
8 IN EFFECT AT THE TIME HE COMMITTED THE OFFENSE.

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10 The California Court of Appeals 6th Appellate District in violation of the
11 retroactive doctrine and contrary to the clearly established law by the United
12 States Supreme Court adjudicated petitioner's petition under the Dannenberg Law.

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14 "When the defendant waives his state court remedies and admits his guilt,
15 he does so under the law then ~~existing~~ existing." McMann v. Richardson, 397 U.S. 759,
16 774, 25 L.Ed.2d 763, 775, 90 S. Ct. 1441 (1970).

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18 "When "issues of both retroactively and application of constitutional doctrine
19 are raised" the retroactively issue should be decided first." Teague v. Lane
20 (1989) 489 U.S. 288, 300, 109 S. Ct. 1061, 1070.

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22 The California Court of Appeals, 6th Dist. in In re DeLuna, 24 Cal. Rptr.3d 643,
23 649 (2005) used the decision of the California Supreme Court in In re Dannenberg
24 (2005) 34 Cal. 4th 1061, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417, 104 P.3d 783 to find that there is
25 some evidence that petitioner committed the murder in an especially cruel and
26 callous manner.

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28 In petitioner's case the California Court of Appeals cited the following holdings
from the Dannenberg case: The Court stated:

"In In re Dannenberg (2005) 34 Cal. 4th 1061, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417, 104 P.3d 783,
the California Supreme Court has recently determined that the Board is not
required to refer to its sentencing matrices or to compare other crimes of the
same type in deciding whether a prisoner is suitable for a parole and whether the
prisoner's crime was "especially" cruel" or exceptionally callous." Rather,

1 the Board may characterize a murder as " 'particularly egregious' " if there is
 2 violence or viciousness beyond what is "minimally necessary" for conviction.
 3 (Id. at p. 440, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417, 104 P.3d 783.)" In re DeLuna, *supra*,
 4 24 Cal. Rptr.3d 643, 649.

5 The above holding changed the law that was in effect at the time petitioner
 6 committed the offense.

7 At the time petitioner committed the offense the Board was required to refer to
 8 its sentencing matrices to find the inmate suitable for a parole release date. In
 9 *re Stanworth*, 33 Cal.3d 176, 181-186, 187 Cal. Rptr. 783, 786-788 (Cal. 1982);
 10 *In re Seabock*, 140 Cal. App.3d 29, 40, 189 Cal. Rptr. 310, 317, Fn. 9 (1983); *In*
 11 *re Ramirez*, 114 Cal. Rptr.2d 381, 397 (Cal. App. 1 Dist. 2001).

12 The decisions of the California Court of Appeals is the authority in the absence
 13 of a California Supreme Court decision on the issue. *Kolander v. Lawson*, 461 U.S.
 14 352, 103 S. Ct. 1855, fn. 6 (1983). Therefore, previous to the time the California
 15 Supreme Court construed Penal Code Section 3041 in *Dannenberg*, the decisions of
 16 the California Court of Appeals could be the authority in parole decisions.

17 Under *Stanworth* it is required the Board to consider all the factors to find
 18 the prisoner suitable for a parole release date and to set the base term according
 19 to the time prescribed in the matrices and that only when the inmate was convicted
 20 of first degree murder and for a specific category of extremely serious offense
 21 the Board could set the base term beyond the term authorized by the matrices. See
 22 also *In re Rosenkrantz*, 29 Cal. 4th 616, 653-655, 682-684, 128 Cal. Rptr.2d 104,
 23 137-139, 161-162 (Cal. 2002).

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25 At the time petitioner committed the offense Penal Code Subsection 3041 (a)
 26 required and it is still requiring that the Board to compare other crimes of the
 27 same type in deciding whether a prisoner is suitable for release on parole. See
 28 also *In re Seabock*, *supra*, 140 Cal. App.3d 29, 189 Cal. Rptr. 310, fn. 7.

1 The comparing of other crimes of the same type in deciding whether a prisoner
2 is suitable for release on parole was eliminated by the California Supreme Court.
3 See *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417, 443, and fn. 18.
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5 At the time petitioner committed the offense Penal Code Subsection 3041 (a)
6 required and it is still requiring that one year previous to the inmate's minimum
7 Eligible Parole Release Date the Board shall meet with the inmate and shall
8 normally set his parole release date.

9 Even when this law didn't violate any constitution the California Supreme Court
10 in *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417, 433-434 overruled the above men-
11 tioned law and it held that the Board can denied to every prisoner our release date
12 without considering Penal Code Subsection 3041 (a).

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14 At the time petitioner committed the offense the Board could denied prisoners our
15 release date only if the prisoner had committed the offense in an "especially
16 heinous, atrocious " or "cruel" manner. See Title 15 of CCR Sec. 2402 (c) (1) and
17 in *In re Seabock*, *supra*, 140 Cal. App.3d at 39, 189 Cal. Rptr. 310, 316, fn. 8.

18 In *Dannenberg*, the requirement that the Board must find the crime was committed
19 in an especially heinous, atrocious or cruel manner was reduced by the California
20 Supreme Court and it held that the Board may characterize a murder as " 'particularly
21 egregious' " if there is violence or viciousness beyond what is "minimally necessa-
22 ry" for a conviction. *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr. 3d 417, 440, 443;
23 *In re DeLuna*, *supra*, 24 Cal. Rptr.3d 643, 649.

24 No matter the circumstances of the commitment offense the Board in ~~every~~case
25 finds evidence beyond the minimum necessary to establish the elements for second
26 degree murder and the Board is using that evidence to denied us (prisoners) our
27 release on parole for the rest of our natural life as the California Supreme Court
28 in *Dannenberg* directed the Board to do.

1 Therefore, in *In re Dannenberg*, 34 Cal. 4th 1061 the California Supreme Court
2 changed the Indeterminate Sentence Law (ISL) in that the Board needs not longer
3 consider all the factors it used to consider to find the inmate suitable for a
4 parole release date it only needs to consider the commitment offense factor;
5 the Boards needs not consider Penal Code Subsection 3041 (a) and it only needs to
6 find minimum evidence in the commitment offense beyond the evidence necessary to
7 establish the elements for second degree murder to deny to every prisoner our
8 release from custody based on the static commitment offense circumstance only and
9 for the rest of our natural lives.

10 The California Supreme Court's holdings in *In re Dannenberg* is clearly an effort
11 of the Court to increase the punishment of second degree murder convictions to the
12 punishment of First Degree Murder convictions and the Court expressed its desire
13 to increase the punishment by directing the Board to increase the crimes of second
14 degree murder to the crimes of first degree murder. See *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*,
15 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417, fn. 16.

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17 The way the California Supreme Court construed Penal Code 3041 cannot be applied
18 to petitioner and the prisoners similarly situated without violating the retroactive
19 doctrine.

20 In violation of the Retroactive Doctrine and contrary to the clearly established
21 law by the United States Supreme Court in *Bouie v. City of Columbia*, 378 U.S. 347,
22 84 S.Ct. 1697 (1964); and *Rogers v. Tennessee*, 532 U.S. 451, 121 S. CT. 1693 (2001)
23 the California Court of Appeals, 6th District denied petitioner the relief he
24 sought based on the unreasonable holding on *Dannenberg*.

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1 In *Bason v. Kentucky*, 476 U.S. 79, 106 S. Ct. 1712, 90 L.Ed.2d 69 (1986) the
2 Court modified a portion of *Swain v. Alabama*, 380 U.S. 202, 85 S.Ct. 824, 13 L.
3 Ed.2d 759 (1965) and the portion that was modified could not be applied retroac-
4 tively on collateral review of convictions that became final before, *Batson* was
5 announced. See *Teague v. Lane*, *supra*, 489 U.S. 288, 294-295, 109 S.Ct. 1061, 1065-
6 1067.

7 In *Teague v. Lane*, *supra*, 489 U.S. at 305-307, 109 S. Ct. at 1073 the Court
8 made it clear that habeas corpus petitions shall be adjudicated by applying the
9 law that was in effect at the time the prisoner was convicted.

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11 For the foregoing reasons petitioner's petition shall be adjudicated by applying
12 the law that was in effect at the time he committed the offense rather than be
13 adjudicated unde the *Dannenberg* holdings and petitioner request his petition be
14 adjudicated by applying the law that was in effect when he committed the offense
15 and was convicted.

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THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS WITHOUT SUPPORTING EVIDENCE HAS FOUND PETITIONER
UNSUITABLE FOR A PAROLE RELEASE DATE IN VIOLATION OF THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE
TO THE CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONS FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT.

In Title 15 of California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 2402 are the
circumstances the board shall consider to find prisoners unsuitable or suitable
for a parole release date.

In Title 15 of CCR 2402 (c) are the circumstances tending to show unsuitability.
CCR 2042 (c)(1) Commitment Offense. "The prisoner committed the offense in an
especially heinous, atrocious or cruel manner."

The BPT has found that petitioner is not suitable for parole and would pose an
unreasonable risk of danger to society or a threat to public safety. The panel
stated: "Of course, we have the instant offense that was carried out in a violent
and brutal manner." That there were multiple victims. That one was killed. That
the offense was carried out in a manner which demonstrates a disregard for human
life and for public safety." See Exhibit "G" on page 76.

In support of its findings the Board has referred to the following statement
of facts:

"And the conclusions were drawn from the statement of facts wherein the inmate on
July 7th, 1985, after being involved in a verbal and then physical altercation
with the victim, one Fernando Renteria, this is at a local bar, restaurant, the
inmate who had been drinking all day drove the vehicle that he was in, a truck,
to his residence, changed into his own vehicle which contained two weapons, a
shotgun and a .22 caliber rifle, and drove back to the bar after having a couple
of drinks at home. He said he was going back to the bar and restaurant to drink.
He confronted Mr. Renteria, and as a result, he shot and killed the victim. He
shot the victim once in the back as he was trying to flee after shooting him two
other times, once in the face, and upon leaving the scene did fire a weapon at a
vehicle containing a noninvolved party, a female with children in the vehicle.

1 The inmate claims he was drunk during the offense and does not remember parts
2 of it; however, intoxication was a big part of this crime, and the inmate states
3 that he committed this crime because of the altercation that occurred at the
4 restaurant bar prior to him driving the truck to his residence." See Exhibit "G"
on pages 76-77.

5 The evidence does not support the findings of the Board that petitioner will
6 pose an unreasonable risk of danger to society or a threat to public safety if
7 released from custody.

8 The Psychological Evaluation Report of 1998 state that petitioner's Level of
9 dangerousness was likely equal to that of the average inmate. See Exhibit "C" on
10 page 2.

11 In 2001 a Psychological Evaluation Report was conducted. The Clinical Psycholo-
12 gist concluded that petitioner would pose a low level of risk for future violence
13 in the community. See Exhibit "C" on page 7.

14 In 1996 an Officer who prepared a Life Prisoner Evaluation Report concluded that
15 petitioner posed a low degree of threat to the public if released to the community.
16 See Exhibit "D" on page 1.

17 An Officer who prepared a Life Prisoner Evaluation Report in 1998 believed that
18 petitioner posed a moderate degree of threat to the public. See Exhibit "D" on p.8.

19 In another Life Prisoner Evaluation Report prepared by a prison Officer in the
20 year 2000 the Officer concluded that petitioner would pose a moderatye degree of
21 threat to society if released from custody. See Exhibit "D" on page 12.

22 Since the year 2001 no Evaluation Reports have been prepared by an expert. And
23 because petitioner has followed all the regulations, there is not reason to
24 believe that a better report would not be prepared after an additional five years
25 of good conduct.

26 Therefore, no evidence support that petitioner will pose an unreasonable risk
27 of danger to society if released from prison. See CCR Section 2402 (a).

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1 Under CCR 2402 (c)(1) the Board found that petitioner committed the offense in
2 a violent and brutal manner. See Exhibit "G" on page 76.

3 Second degree murder is the unlawful killing of a human being with Malice
4 Aforethought." Penal Code Section 187 Subd. (a); People v. Bland, 121 Cal. Rptr.2d
5 546, 552 (Cal. 2002).

6 Penal Code Section 188 describe Malice Aforethought.

7 It would be unreasonable no to believe that every second degree murder is not
8 committed with violence.

9 Therefore, the fact that the Board found that the offense was committed with
10 violence add nothing to petitioner's second degree murder conviction.

11 Atrocious is defined as savage brutal; outrageously cruel or wicked. People v.
12 Superior Court of Santa Clara County, 31 Cal.3d 797, 802, 183 Cal. Rptr. 800, 802
13 (Cal. 1982); People v. Aguilar, 58 Cal. App. 4th 1196, 1201, 68 Cal. Rptr.2d 619,
14 621 (Cal. App. 1 Dist. 1997).

15 Therefore, "Brutal" means "Atrocious".

16 All killings are atrocious. Proffitt v. Florida, 428 U.S. 242, 255, 96 S. Ct.
17 2960, 2968 (1976).

18 On October 3, 1994 was petitioner's Initial Parole Suitability Hearing held. See
19 Exhibit "D" on page 3.

20 Since the Initial Parole Suitability hearing was held the Board has denied
21 petitioner his release from custody based on the circumstance that petitioner
22 committed the offense in an atrocious manner. This is a static circumstance that
23 connot be changed.

24 By considering the same static circumstance for the last 12-years to denied
25 petitioner's release from custody violates the Due Process Clause to the California
26 and United States Constitutions. See Biggs v. Terhune, 334 F.3d 910, 917 (9th Cir.
27 2003); In re Rosenkrantz, 29 Cal. 4th 616, 683-684, 128 Cal. Rptr.2d 104, 161-162
28 (Cal. 2002).

1 Although *Biggs v. Terhune*, *supra*, 334 F.3d 910 is a United States Court of
2 Appeals's decision the decision of the Court of Appeals is the authority in the
3 absence of the United States Supreme Court decision on the issue. *Kolander v.*
4 *Lawson*, 461 U.S. 352, 103 S. CT. 1855, fn. 6 (1983).

5 Therefore, the circumstance that petitioner committed the offense in a atrocious
6 manner is not longer and cannot be at this time some evidence to deny petitioner's
7 release from custody. It would be anomalous to use a static circumstance to
8 increase petitioner's crime to a greater crime after petitioner has done the time
9 for the degree of the crime he was convicted.

10 Under CCR Sec. 2402 (c)(1)(A) the Board has found that there were multiple
11 victims. That upon leaving the scene petitioner did fire a weapon at a vehicle
12 containing a noninvolved party, a female with children in the vehicle. See
13 Exhibit "G" on pages 76-77.

14 Since petitioner was arrested he accepted responsibility for everything he did.
15 See Exhibit "B" on page 10; Exhibit "C" on page 6.

16 Petitioner has maintained that he shot to the other car because he thought it
17 belonged to the party of the victim. See Exhibit "G" on pages 57-58.

18 Petitioner was never charged for shooting other persons. See Exhibit "B" on p. 4.

19 To give a harsher sentence because of an uncharged offense for which there is
20 no conviction, however, violates due process. (*United States v. Grayson* (1978)
21 438 U.S. 41, 54-55, 98 S. Ct. 2610, 2617-2618, 57 L. Ed.2d 582.) *People v. Montano*
22 6 Cal. App. 4th 121, 8 Cal. Rptr.2d 136 (Cal. App. 5 Dist. 1992).

23 "Criminal charges not resulting in conviction (charges which resulted in acquit-
24 tal or dismissal for any reason) shall not affect the parole date unless the
25 factual circumstances surrounding the charge are reliably documented and are an
26 integral part of the crime for which the prisoner is currently committed to prison."
27 *In re Rosenkrantz*, 80 Cal. App. 4th 409, 425, 95 Cal. Rptr.2d 279, 291 (Cal. App.
28 2 Dist. 2000).

1 In petitioner's case the shot he shot to other persons is not an integral part
2 of the commitment offense. And after being considering it for the last 12 years to
3 denied petitioner's release from custody violates the Due Process Clause. *Biggs v.*
4 *Terhune*, 334 F.3d 910, 917; *In re Rosenkrantz*, *supra*, 29 Cal. 4th 616, 683-684,
5 128 Cal. Rptr.2d 104, 161-162.

6 Therefore, the fact that petitioner had shot to a vehicle by mistake is not
7 longer some evidence to deny him his release from custody.

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9 The Board found that the offense was carried out in a manner which demonstrates
10 a disregard for human life and public safety. See Exhibit "G" on page 76.

11 This finding of the Board is what is required for an Implied Malice Aforethought.
12 *People v. Roberts* (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 271, 317, 6 Cal. Rptr.2d 276, 826 P.2d 274;
13 *People v. Whatson*, 30 Cal.3d 290, 3000, 179 Cal. Rptr. 43 (1981); *People v. Sanchez*,
14 103 Cal. Rptr.2d 809, 812 (Cal. App. 3 Dist. 2001).

15 Therefore, what the Board is finding is that petitioner committed the murder with
16 Implied Malice Aforethought. It adds nothing beyond what is required to establish
17 the elements for a second degree murder offense.

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19 CCR 2402 (c)(2) PRIOR RECORD OF VIOLENCE. Petitioner has not any prior record
20 of violence. See Exhibit "D" on page 7; Exhibit "G" on pages 20, 77.

21 Petitioner has not any prior criminal record at all. *In re DeLuna*, 24 Cal. Rptr.3d
22 643, 650.

23 For the foregoing reasons no evidence support the findings of the Board that
24 petitioner is not suitable for release on parole and would pose unreasonable risk
25 to the public if release from prison.

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1 PETITIONER MEET THE CRITERIA TO BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

2 Under Title 15 of CCR Section 2402 (d) are the circumstances tending to show
3 suitability.

4 CCR 2402 (d)(1) No Juvenile Record. Petitioner has not any Juvenile Criminal
5 Record. See Exhibit "D" on page 11.

6 (2) Stable Social History. Petitioner has not an unstable social history. See
7 In re DeLuna, *supra*, 24 Cal. Rptr.3d 643, 650-651.

8 (3) Signs of Remorse. Since petitioner was arrested he has expressed remorse for
9 the killing of the victim and for wherever wrong he did. See Exhibit "C" on pages
10 1, 6-7.

11 (4) Motivation For The Crime. The motive for the crime was a verbal and physical
12 confrontation and alcohol was involved. See Exhibit "C" on pages 6-7.

13 (6) Lack of Criminal History. Petitioner has not any criminal history. See In re
14 DeLuna, *supra*, 24 Cal. Rptr.3d at 650.

15 (7) Age. "The prisoner present age reduces the probability of recidivism."

16 Petitioner was born on September 15, 1954. See Exhibit "B" on pages 6, 9.

17 Therefore, at the age of 52-years there is not probable that petitioner would
18 commit another crime upon his release from custody. Petitioner has learned his
19 lesson.

20 (8) Understanding and Plans for Future. "The prisoner had made realistic plans for
21 release or has developed marketable skills that can be put to use upon release."
22 Petitioner has both. Petitioner has realistic plans for release. See Exhibit "G"
23 on page 80, Exhibit "C" on page 5.

24 While petitioner has been imprisoned he has developed marketable skills by
25 completing Landscaping Vocational. See Exhibit "E".

26 (9) Institutional Behavior. "Institutional activities indicate an enhanced ability
27 to function within the law upon release."

1 Petitioner has been a hard worker his whole life including during the time he
2 has spent in prison: he tried hard to improve his education but he failed to do it
3 due to his inability to learn; petitioner learned Landscaping vocational; and he
4 has been disciplinary free during the 21 years he has been imprisoned; and he has
5 been involved into self-help programs including Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) for the
6 last ten years. See Exhibit "C" page 5; Exhibit "D" on pages 3-4, 7, 10, 14-15;
7 Exhibit "E" and Exhibit "F"; and Exhibit "G" pages 35-36.

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9 For the foregoing reasons petitioner meet the criteria to be released from
10 prison.

11 **PETITIONER'S ALCOHOL PROBLEM**

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13 Based on the Psychological Evaluation Reports one prepared by Dr. Trude Zmoelnig
14 on July 21, 1998 and another prepared by Dr. Erich Reuschenberg on August 2001
15 the Board found that petitioner on the first interviews had claimed he was a
16 social drinker and that now he admitted he is an alcoholic. See a copy of the
17 Psychological Reports at Exhibit "C" on pages 1, 5.

18 See also the findings of the Board at Exhibit "G" on pages 80-81.

19 Petitioner has stated that he used to drink 2 or 3 beers each day after he nad
20 returned home from his job and that on the weekends he used to drink a 6 pack of
21 beers and that on the night he committed the offense he was drunk. See Exhibit "C"
22 on pages 1, 5.

23 On July 20, 1996 petitioner enrolled into the group of AA and that since then
24 he has been a member of AA. See Exhibit "D" on page 7.

25 Petitioner thought an alcoholic person was a person who drinks every day the
26 whole day and not work. Like a homeless person.

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1 In AA petitioner has learned three indications to know if a person is an alcoholic.
2 These three indications are: (1) when a person go in a black-out; (2) when a person
3 want to stop drink, but he can't (for exemple when the person said he was going to
4 drink only one or two shot and he can't stop until he get drunk); (3) when a person
5 drinks some alcohol every day.

6 Because petitioner used to drink some alcohol every day, he falls into indication
7 number 3.

8 Through years involved into AA petitioner has learned the indications to know if
9 he is an alcoholic and he has concluded he is an alcoholic.

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11 Is the fact that petitioner has learned in AA he is an alcoholic and has admitted
12 to it some evidence to deny his release from custody? Obviously no.

13 Therefore, petitioner submit to this court that the fact that he has learned in
14 AA he is an alcoholic and he has admitted to it is not some evidence to deny him
15 his release from custody.

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17 For the foregoing reasons petitioner submit to this court that there is not
18 evidence to deny his release from custody.

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21 Under Bogovich v. Davis, 282 F.3d 780, 784 (9th Cir. 2002) the Board cannot rely
22 on petitioner's alcohol problem to deny him his release on parole in doing so the
23 Board would be violating the ADA.

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1 GROUND FOUR
23 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT HAS BREACHED THE PLEA AGREEMENT PETITIONER
4 ENTERED WITH THE PROSECUTOR AND HAS INCREASED PETITIONER'S PUNISHMENT OF SECOND
5 DEGREE MURDER TO A PUNISHMENT OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER. 5TH, 6TH, AND 14TH Amend.6 The United States Supreme Court has recognized different degrees of Criminal
7 Culpability. *Mullaney v. Wilbur*, 421 U.S. 684, 697-698, 95 S. Ct. 1881, 1889 (1975);
8 *Solem v. Helm*, 77 L.Ed.2d 637, 651 (1983); *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 120 S. Ct. 2348,
9 2360 (2000); *Harmelin v. Michigan*, 501 U.S. 957, 996, 111 S. Ct. 2680, 2702 (1991).10 Apparently the principle of different degrees of criminal culpability is a
11 universally established principle that has been recognized since 1215 when the Magna
12 Carta was written. See *Solem v. Helm*, *supra*, 77 L.Ed. at 645, fn. 9.13 The State of California also recognize the principle of "different degrees of
14 criminal culpability". The Legislature has enacted numerous statutes with different
15 degrees of criminal culpability.16 Relevant in this issue is Penal Code Section 189 for first degree murder. Sentence
17 are 25-years to life, life without the possibility of parole and death penalty.
18 Penal Code Section 187 for second degree murder. Sentence 15-years to life. See
19 Penal Code Section 190; *People v. Robertson*, 17 Cal. Rptr.3d 604, 610 (Cal. 2004);
20 Second Degree Murder and manslaughter are lesser included offenses of first degree
21 murder. *People v. Stears*, 92 Cal. Rptr. 69, 14 Cal. App.3d 178 (Cal. App. 2 Dist.
22 1971).23 Lesser included offenses, mean lesser in terms of magnitude of punishment.
24 *Schmuck v. United States*, 489 U.S. 705, 109 S. Ct. 1443, 103 L.Ed.2d 734 (1989);
25 *Carter v. U.S.* 530 U.S. 255, 147 L.Ed.2d 203, 120 S. Ct. 2159, fn. 2 (2000).26 On August 29, 1985 petitioner pleaded guilty to second degree murder and
27 he was sentenced to 15-years to life plus two year for the use of deadly weapon.
28 See Exhibit "G" on page 1-2.

1 Petitioner pleaded guilty with the expectation he will be deprived of his liberty
 2 only to the extent established by the statutory law and the Board's regulations.
 3 I.B.S. v. St. Cyr. 533 U.S. 289, at 316, 321-323, 121 S.Ct. 2271, 2288, 2291-2292,
 4 (2001); Bowen v. Hood, 202 F.3d 1211, at 1220-1222 (9th Cir. 2000); Magaña-Pizano
 5 v. I.N.S., 200 F.3d 603, 613 (9th Cir. 1999). However, the BPT has held petitioner
 6 incarcerated beyond the term established by the statutes and regulations in viola-
 7 tion of the Due Process Clause to California and United States Constitutions.
 8 Hicks v. Oklahoma, 447 U.S. 343, 346, 100 S. Ct. 2227, 2229 (1980).

9 When petitioner pleaded guilty to second degree murder nobody told him that by
 10 pleading guilty to second degree murder eventually his punishment will be increased
 11 to a punishment imposed on a first degree murder conviction. Petitioner relied on the
 12 written law at the time he pleaded guilty to second degree murder to plead guilty.
 13 The written law at the time he committed the offense and pleaded guilty was that
 14 second degree murder convictions were lesser included offenses of first degree murder.
 15 People v. Wickershaw, 32 Cal.3d 307, 326, 185 Cal. Rptr. 436, 446, 650 P.2d 311,
 16 (Cal. 1982); People v. Stearns, 92 Cal. Rptr. 69, 14 Cal.App.3d 178 (Cal. App. 2 Dist.
 17 1971); and that when the defendant pleads guilty of a crime divided into degrees
 18 he will not be punished for a higher degree of the crime. Penal Code Sec. 1192.1;
 19 and the Matrix for the base term of second degree murder was: Minimum Term 10-years
 20 and Maximum Term was 21-years. See CCR Section 2403 (c). Therefore, petitioner has
 21 not reason to believe the State of California will breach the agreement and increase
 22 his punishment to that of a first degree murder conviction. CCR 2403 (b).

23 In the Matrix for the base term the credits petitioner has earned during two
 24 decades under CCR 2410 are not included. Without providing petitioner with the
 25 credits he is entitle he has served the Maximum Term for second degree murder (21-
 26 years) according to the matrix for the base term. CCR 2403 (c).
 27 Now, petitioner is serving a punishment of the greater offense of first degree
 28 murder conviction. CCR 2403 (b).

1 The government of California has breached the plea agreement petitioner entered
 2 with the prosecutor because petitioner already served the maximum term for second
 3 degree murder and now the government is punishing him with the punishment of the
 4 greater offense of first degree murder.

5 "Plea agreements are contractual in nature and are measured by contractual law
 6 standards." Brown v. Poole, 337 F.3d 1155, 1159 (9th Cir. 2003); United States v.
 7 Anderson, 970 F.2d 602, 606 (9th Cir. 1992); People v. Shepard, 169 Cal. App.3d
 8 580, 586, 215 Cal. Rptr. 401, 405 (1985); People v. Collins, 45 Cal. App. 4th 849,
 9 869, 53 Cal. Rptr.2d 367, 378 (1996).

10 The Government is held "to the literal terms of the agreement." United States v. Baker,
 11 25 F.3d 1452, 1458 (9th Cir. 1994); U.S. v. Schuman, 127 F.3d 815, 818 (9th Cir. 1997).

12 "Well established is the rule that the people will be held strictly to the terms of plea bargain made
 13 with a criminally accused." People v. Nelson, 239 Cal. Rptr. 287, 289, 194 Cal. App.3d 77, 79 (Cal.
 14 App. 1 Dist. 1987); In re Troglia, 51 Cal. App.3d 434, 438, 124 Cal. Rptr. 234, 237 (1975).

15 "When either the prosecution or the defendant is deprived of benefits for which
 16 it has bargained, corresponding relief will lie from concessions made." People v.
 17 Collins, 21 Cal.3d 208, 214, 145 Cal. Rptr. 686, 689 (Cal. 1978); People v. Collins,
 18 supra, 45 Cal. App. 4th 849, 863, 53 Cal. Rptr.2d 367, 374.

19 The BPT is a party to the prosecutor's plea agreement. Therefore, the Board is
 20 bound by the promise of the District Attorney. United States v. Anderson, *supra*,
 21 970 F.2d 602, 605, fn. 5.

22 Also it is established that the State cannot with one hand give a benefit and
 23 with the other take it away. Bowen v. Hood, *supra*, 202 F.3d at 1223; People v.
 24 Harvey, 25 Cal.3d 754, 758, 159 Cal. Rptr. 696, 698-699 (Cal. 1979).

25 The Constitution does not take with one hand what it gives with the other.
 26 Gideon v. Wainwright, 372 U.S. 339, 83 S. Ct. 792 (1963); Texas v. Cobb, 121 S.
 27 Ct. 1335, 1347 (2001).

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1 The Government of California with one hand (the prosecution) convict defendants
2 of second degree murder and with the other hand (The Board of Prison Terms) it
3 increases the punishment of second degree murder convictions to the punishment
4 imposed on first degree murder convictions.

5 "When a plea rest in any significant degree on a promise or agreement of the
6 prosecutor, so that it can be said to be part of the inducement or consideration,
7 such promise must be fulfilled." *Santobello v. New York*, 404 U.S. 257, 262, 92 S.
8 Ct. 495, 499, 30 L.Ed.2d 427 (1971); *United States v. Anderson*, supra, 970 F.2d
9 602, 607; *People v. Kaanehe*, 19 Cal.3d 1, 13, 136 Cal. Rptr. 409, 417 (1977);
10 *In re Jermine B.*, 69 Cal. App.4th 634, 639, 81 Cal. Rptr.2d 734, 737 (1999).

11 PETITIONER CARRIED OUT HIS PART OF THE PLEA BARGAIN.

12 "It is clear from *Santobello* ... that due respect for integrity of plea
13 bargains demands that once a defendant has carried out his part of the bargain the
14 government must fulfill its part." *Brown v. Poole*, supra, 337 F.3d 1155, 1159.

15 According to the Matrix petitioner already served the Maximum Term for the crime
16 he committed second degree murder; While in prison petitioner has developed marketa-
17 ble skills to put on use upon his release from custody; petitioner also has realis-
18 tic plans upon his release on parole and petitioner has not prior criminal record
19 and neither he has engaged in serious misconduct after he was convicted on the
20 current offense. Therefore, petitioner has carried out his part of the plea
21 agreement and the Government of California shall be ordered to comply with its part
22 and release petitioner from custody.

23 The United States Supreme Court requires the courts to draw lines between the
24 sentences when the crimes are divided into degrees. *Solem v. Helm*, supra,
25 77 L.Ed.2d at 652-653.

26 The California Courts didn't draw lines between the sentences of the crimes
27 which are divided into degrees, but the Legislature commanded the BPT to draw those
28 lines. Penal Code Section 3041 (a).

1 The BPT drew lines between the sentences when the crime is divided into degrees.
2 The lines are the matrices to set the base term. Relevant to this issue are two
3 of them. See Title 15 of CCR 2403 (b) and (c). The Matrices are codified guidelines.
4 In re Standworth, 33 Cal.3d 176, 181-184, 187 Cal. Rptr. 783, 786-788 (1982). Because
5 the matrices are codified guidelines they cannot be hollow guidelines they mean some-
6 thing. Because petitioner has been in custody since July 7, 1985 he has served the
7 Maximum Term established by the matrices for the base term (21-years).

8 The Board has not pointed to any evidence to hold petitioner incarcerated beyond
9 the time established in the matrix for the base term of second degree murder.

10 Petitioner is entitle to credits under CCR 2410. By providing petitioner with the
11 credits he is entitle he has served about 28-years in custody. This is a term equi-
12 valent to a term of first degree murder convictions. See CCR 2403 (b).

13 Under the clearly established law by the United States Supreme Court the punish-
14 ment of second degree murder cannot be increased to the punishment of first degree
15 murder crime because it violates the 5th, 6th, and 14th Amendments. It violates
16 petitioner's right to notice of the information of every essential elements for first
17 degree murder offense. Russell v. United States, 369 U.S. 749, 765, 8 L. Ed.2d 240,
18 251 (1962); Almendarez-Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224, 228, 118 S. Ct. 1219,
19 1223, 140 L.Ed.2d 350 (1998); It violates petitioner's right to be informed about the
20 nature of the charge against him. Henderson v. Morgan, 426 U.S. 637, 645, 49 L.Ed.2d
21 108, 114 (1976); It violates petitioner's right to be find guilty-in a jury trial-of
22 first degree murder beyond a reasonable doubt. Apprendi v. New Jersey, 120 S. Ct.
23 2348, 2356-2357 (2000) and by increasing petitioner's punishment of second degree
24 murder to a punishment of first degree murder the government of California has brea-
25 ched the plea agreement petitioner entered with the prosecutor. Santobello v. New
26 York, *supra*, 404 U.S. at 262, 92 S. Ct. 445, 30 L.Ed.2d 427.

27 For the forgoing reasons petitioner requests his immediate release from custody.
28 Because he has served the time required to be served for a second degree murder.

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4 DUE TO THE FACT THAT PETITIONER WAS NOT CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER
5 UNDER PENAL CODE 189, BUT HE WAS CHARGED WITH SECOND DEGREE MURDER UNDER
6 PENAL CODE SECTION 187 NEITHER THE STATE COURTS NOR ANYBODY WITHIN THE
7 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT HAVE JURISDICTION TO INCREASE PETITIONER'S
8 PUNISHMENT OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER CONVICTION TO A PUNISHMENT OF FIRST
9 DEGREE MURDER CONVICTION.

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13 Petitioner was charges with second degree murder under Penal Code Section 187.
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15 None of the essential elements of first degree murder were on the information.
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17 The division of a crime into degrees constitutes an exclusive Legislative function.
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19 People v. Bright, 12 Cal.4th 652, 669-670, 49 Cal. Rptr.2d 732, 743 (Cal. 1996).
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21 In California second degree murder is a lesser included offense of fist degree
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23 murder. People v. Bradford, 15 Cal.4th 1229, 1344, 65 Cal. Rptr.2d 145, 212;
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25 People v. Stearns, supra, 92 Cal. Rptr. 69, 14 Cal. App.3d 178.
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27 Lesser included offenses mean lesser in terms of magnitude of punishment. Schmuck
28 v. United States, 489 U.S. 705, 109 S. Ct. 1443, 103 L.Ed.2d 734 (1989); Carter v.
U.S. , 530 U.S. 255, 147 L.Ed.2d 203, 120 S. Ct. 2159, fn. 2 (2000).
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30 The defendant cannot be punished for a higher degree of the crime than the
31 degree specified. People v. Mikhail, 13 Cal. App. 4th 846, 856, 16 Cal. Rptr.2d 641,
32 647, (Cal. App. 4 Dist. 1993); Hicks v. Oklahoma, 447 U.S. 343, 346, 100 S. Ct. at
33 2229; Whalen v. United States, 445 U.S. 684, 100 S. Ct. 1432, fn. 4 (1980).
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35 It is the function of the Legislature Branch to define crimes and prescribe
36 punishments. In re Lynch, 8 Cal.3d 410, 414, 105 Cal. Rptr. 217, 219 (1973);
37 Manduley v. Superior Court, 27 Cal.4th 537, 552, 117 Cal. Rptr.2d 168, 180 (2004);
38 Harmelin v. Michigan, 501 U.S. 957, 962, 964, 111 S. Ct. 2680, 2684-2686 (1991);
39 Rummel v. Estelle, 445 U.S. 263, 274, 100 S. Ct. 1133, 1139, 63 L.Ed.2d 382
40 (1980).
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1 Therefore, under this approach neither the California Courts nor anybody within
2 the executive branch of government have jurisdiction to increase the punishment of
3 second degree murder to the greater punishment of first degree murder. Because the
4 increasing of punishment is legislative in nature, the executive branch of govern-
5 ment lack jurisdiction to increase petitioner's punishment to that of a greater
6 offense's punishment.

7 "B"

8 THE GOVERNMENT OF CALIFORNIA FURTHER HAS NOT JURISDICTION TO INCREASE PETITIONER'S
9 PUNISHMENT BECAUSE HE WAS NOT CHARGED WITH THE CRIME OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND
10 NONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER WERE ON THE INFORMATION.

11 See Exhibit "B" on page 4.

12 The California Supreme Court in *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417,
13 fn. 16 held that the Board can increase the crimes of second degree murder to the
14 crimes of first degree murder if the prisoner committed the offense by deliberation
15 and premeditation. However, this holding violates Due Process of Law under the
16 California and United States Constitutions 5th, 6th, and 14th Amendments; It
17 violates the statutory law Penal Code Section 1192.1 which hold that when a
18 defendant pleads guilty of a crime divided into degrees he will not be punished for
19 a higher degree of the crime and it it violates the regulatory law which requires
20 the inmate to serve a Minimum Term of ten years and a Maximum Term of 21-years for
21 a second degree murder conviction; and it is contrary to the clearly established
22 law by the United States Supreme Court which held that "No person shall be
23 required to answer for any of the higher crimes and the Court cannot permit a
24 defendant to be tried on charges that are not made in the indictment or information
25 against him." *Stirone v. United States*, 361 U.S. 212, 217, 4 L. Ed.2d 252, 256,
26 fn. 3 (1960).

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1 "The indictment or information shall be a plain, concise and definitive
2 written statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged."
3 "The indictment or information shall state for each count the official or
4 customary citation of the statute, rule, regulation or other provision of the
5 law which the defendant is alleged therein to have violated." *Russell v. United*
6 *States*, 369 U.S. 749, 762-763, 8 L.Ed.2d 240, 250, 82 S. Ct. 1038 (1962); *United*
7 *States v. Bailey*, 444 U.S. 394, 414, 100 S. Ct. 624, 62 L.Ed.2d 515 (1980).

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10 "An indictment must set forth each element of the crime it charges. *Almendarez-*
Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224, 228, 118 S. Ct. 1219, 1223, 140 L.Ed.2d
350 (1998); *Hamling v. United States*, 418 U.S. 87, 117, 94 S. Ct. 2887, 2907,
41 L.Ed.2d 590 (1974); *Russell v. United States*, *supra*, 369 U.S. at 765,
8 L.Ed. 2d at 251.

11 "It is a settled rule that a bill of particulars cannot save an invalid
12 indictment and the trial court cannot amend a indictment or information.
13 *Russell v. United States*, *supra*, 369 U.S. at 770-771, 8 L.Ed.2d 254-255.

14 Therefore, neither the bill of particulars nor the trial court's instructions to
15 the petit jury can be sufficient to charge petitioner with first degree murder or
16 to inform him regarding the essential elements of first degree murder charge. *United*
17 *States v. Camp*, 541 F.2d 737, 740 (8th Cir. 1976); *U.S. v. Hooker*, 841 F.2d 1225,
1227, 1232 (4th Cir. 1988).

18 When the essential elements are missing on the information the trial court lacks
19 jurisdiction to tried the defendant on that charge. *U.S. v. Hooker*, 841 F.2d at 1232.

20 It is well established that a plea of guilty cannot be voluntary in the sense that
21 it constitutes an intelligent admission that the accused committed the offense unless
22 the accused has received "real notice of the true nature of the charge against him,
23 the first and most universally recognized requirement of due process." *Smith v.*
24 *O'Grady*, 312 U.S. 329, 334, 61 S. Ct. 572, 574, 85 L.Ed. 859 (1941); *Henderson v.*
25 *Morgan*, 426 U.S. 637, 645, 96 S. Ct. 2253, 2257, 49 L.Ed.2d 108, 114 (1976);
26 *Marshall v. Lonberger*, 459 U.S. 422, 436, 103 S. Ct. 843, 852 (1983).

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1 Because petitioner was not informed about the nature of the charge against him
2 (First Degree Murder) Henderson v. Morgan, *supra*, 426 U.S. 637, 96 S. Ct. 2253,
3 49 L. Ed.2d 108, 114, fn. 13 the State of California is without jurisdiction to
4 increase his punishment of second degree murder to a punishment of first degree
5 murder.

6 The increase of petitioner's punishment also violates *Apprendi v. New Jersey*,
7 120 S. Ct. 2348, 2355 (2000); *Blakely v. Washington*, 124 S. Ct. 2531 (2004) that
8 under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment and the Notice and jury trial
9 guarantees of the Sixth Amendment any fact that increases the Maximum penalty for
10 a crime must be charged in an indictment, submitted to the jury, and proven beyond
11 a reasonable doubt." "The Fourteenth Amendment commands the same answer in this
12 case involving a State Statute."

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14 Because petitioner has been punished in excess of the time prescribed by the
15 statutory law in violation of the Due Process Clause to the California and United
16 States Constitutions, he requests his immediate release from custody.

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1 GROUND SIX
23 WHEN THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT CONSTRUED PENAL CODE SECTION 3041 IT
4 MISAPPLIED IT'S OWN LAW AND CONSTRUED IT CONTRARY TO THE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED
5 LAW BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND IN VIOLATION OF THE DUE PROCESS
6 CLAUSE TO THE CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONS.7 When the California Supreme Court construed Penal Code Section 3041 it misapplied
8 its own law and "when the state misapplied its own law it creates a protected
9 liberty interest reviewable in Habeas Corpus Petition." *Hicks v. Oklahoma*,
10 447 U.S. 343, 346; *Ballard v. Estelle*, 937 F.2d 453, 456 (9th Cir. 1991).11 In re Dannenberg, 34 Cal.4th 1061 the California Supreme Court construed Penal
12 Code Section 3041 in a way to evade consideration of constitutional issues by the
13 federal courts of Parole Suitability Decisions. See *Sass v. Cal. Bd. of Prison Terms*,
14 376 F. Supp.2d 975 (E.D. Cal. 2005).15 "Federal courts may not second-guess the State Court's construction of its own
16 state law unless "it appears that its interpretation is an obvious subterfuge to
17 evade consideration of federal issue." *Mullaney v. Wilbur*, 421 U.S. 684, 691,
18 95 S. Ct. 1881, fn. 11, 44 L.Ed.2d 508 (1975); *Rogers v. Tennessee*, 532 U.S. 451,
19 457, 121 S. Ct. 1693, 149 L.Ed.2d 697 (2001); *Hubbard v. Knapp*, 379 F.3d 773, 780.
(9th Cir. 2004).20 The United States Supreme Court has held that "When a prison regulation or practice
21 offends a fundamental constitutional guarantee, federal courts will discharge
22 their duty to protect constitutional rights." (*Johnson v. Avery*, 393 U.S. 483, 486,
23 89 S. Ct. 747, 749, 21 L.Ed.2d 718 (1969); *Procunier v. Martinez*, 416 U.S. 396,
405-406, 94 S. Ct. 1800, 1807-1808 (1974)).24 IN Dannenberg the Court stated that in 2001 the Legislature amended Penal Code
25 Section 3041 favorable to the prisoners who are serving life terms. That the 2001
26 amendment to Subsection 3041 (b) appears to assume the Board's present mode of
27 procedure. That the Legislature has not disturbed the Board's interpretation of
28 Section 3041. See *In re Dannenberg*, supra, 23 Cal. Rptr.2d at 430-438.

1 Because the California Supreme Court assumed the Legislature wanted the Board's
2 present mode of procedure the Court construed Penal Code Section 3041 contrary to
3 the intent of the Legislature, contrary to the principles of statutory construction
4 and contrary to the clearly established law by the United States Supreme Court.

5 The California Supreme Court held that the BPT can deny to every prisoner who
6 are serving life terms their release on parole for the rest of their natural lives
7 based on the commitment offense factor only if the Board believe the prisoners are
8 risk to the public safety. See *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d at 431-432,
9 439-440, 442-443.

10 Previous to the decision in *Dannenberg* the Board was denying parole release dates
11 to over than 99 percent of the inmates who were eligible for release on parole and
12 to those who the Board found suitable for a parole release date the Governor cancel-
13 led their release date. See *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d at 448.

14 If previous to the Court's decision in *Dannenberg*, the Board and the Governor were
15 capriciously and arbitrarily denying almost to every inmate their release on parole
16 noe when they don't have to consider the factors and the guidelines, but the commit-
17 ment offense factor only to find the inmates suitable for a parole release date they
18 are going to be denying release on parole in a more capricious and arbitrary manner.

19 This holding of the California Supreme Court is contrary to the clearly establi-
20 shed law by the United States Supreme Court in that it has held:

21 "We have repeatedly hold that the Government's regulatory interest in community
22 safety can in appropriate circumstances, outweigh an individual's liberty inter-
23 est when the individual has been arrested for a specific category of extremely
24 serious offenses." That "There is nothing inherently untainable about a predic-
25 tion of future criminal conduct." *U.S. v. Salerno*, 481 U.S. 739, 748-751,
109 S. Ct. 2095, 2102-2104 (1987) and cases cited therein.

26 It is also contrary to the clearly established law by the United States Supreme
27 Court which has held that the laws shall be enacted in a way to prevent arbitrary
28 application by those who apply them. *Grayned v. City of Rockford*, 408 U.S. 104,

1 108-109; *Kolander v. Lawson*, 461 U.S. 352, 357-358, 103 S. Ct. 1855, 1858; *Smith*
 2 v. *Goguen*, 415 U.S. 566, 574, 94 S. Ct. 1242, 1247-1248, 39 L.Ed.2d 605 (1974).

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 4 It is a well established principle of statutory construction that a court in
 5 construing a statute it should give significance to every word, phrase, sentence
 6 and part of an act to ascertain the intent of the Legislature so as to effectuate
 7 the purpose of the law. *People v. Black*, 32 Cal.3d 1, 5-6, 184 Cal. Rptr. 454,
 8 455-456; *People v. Craft*, *supra*, 41 Cal.3d 554, 559-560, 224 Cal. Rptr. 626, 629.

9 The California Supreme Court in excess of its jurisdiction failed to give signi-
 10 ficance to the words and phrases of Penal Code Subsection 3041 (a) as it is required
 11 by the State's Law when a statute is construed.

12 The words and phrases in Penal Code Subsection 3041 (a) cannot be regarded as mere
 13 superusage; They mean something. *Carter v. U.S.*, 530 U.S. 255, 262, 120 S. Ct. 2159,
 14 2165 (2000).

15 The federal Constitution protect the prisoner when the State misapplied its own
 16 law. The clearly established law by the United States Supreme Court hold:
 17 "State statutes or regulations can create a right triggering due process protection
 18 to ensure that the state created right is not arbitrarily abrogated." "The touch-
 19 stone of the due proces is protection of individuals against arbitrary action of
 20 government." (*Dent v. West Virginia*, 129 U.S. 114, 132, 9 S. Ct. 231, 233, 32 L. Ed.
 21 623, (1889)). *Wolff v. McDonnell*, 418 U.S. 539, 557-558, 94 S. Ct. 2963, 2975-2976
 22 (1974); *Meachum v. Fano*, 427 U.S. 215, 225-226, 96 S. Ct. 2532, 2539 (1976).

23 The California Supreme Court failed to give significance to the command of the
 24 Legislature in Penal Code Subsection 3041 (a) which require that "One year prior
 25 to the prisoner's minimum term the Board shall meet with the prisoner and shall
 26 normally set a parole release date as provided in Penal Code Section 3041.5. See
 27 *In re Ramirez*, 114 Cal. Rptr.2d 381, 397 (1 Dist. 2001).

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1 Penal Code Section 3041 (a) also command the Board to establish criteria for the
2 setting of Parole Release Dates and in doing so shall consider the number of victims
3 of the crime for which the prisoner was sentenced and other factors in mitigation
4 and aggravation of the crime. In re Seabock, 140 Cal. App.3d 29, 37-38, 189 Cal.
5 Rptr. 310, 315 (1983).

6 The Board established criteria for the setting of parole release dates. See
7 Title 15 of CCR Section 2400-2411.

8 The Board established matrices to set the base term. Title 15 of CCR Sec. 2403.

9 The Matrices to set the base term are codified guidelines. In re Standworth,
10 33 Cal. 3d 176, 182, 187 Cal. Rptr. 783, 787 (Cal. 1982); In re Seabock, *supra*,
11 140 Cal. App.3d at 40, 189 Cal. Rptr. at 317, fn. 9.

12 However, the California Supreme Court directed the Board to disregard the Matrices
13 to set the base term. In re Dannenberg, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d at 433 and fn. 15.

14 This holding of the California Supreme Court to eliminate from consideration the
15 matrices to set the base term is contrary to the United States Supreme Court
16 requirement that when the crime is divided into degrees the Court shall draw lines
17 between the sentences. *Solem v. Helm*, 77 L.Ed.2d at 652-653.

18 In Penal Code Section 3041 (a) the State Legislature commanded the Board to draw
19 the lines between the sentences (the matrices) as it is required by the United States
20 Supreme Court in *Solem v. Helm*. However, the California Supreme Court in excess of
21 its jurisdiction, contrary to the intent of the Legislature and contrary to the
22 clearly established law by the United States Supreme Court overruled the matrices.

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1 Penal Code Section 3041 (a) and CCR 2401 require the Board to set the parole
2 release date in a manner that provides uniform term for offenses of similar gravi-
3 ty and magnitude with respect to the threat to the public. CCR 2402 and 2403 also
4 require the Board to consider the criteria to find the inmate suitable for a parole
5 release date and to set the base term. The regulations are commanded by Penal Code
6 Sec. 3041 (a). By directing the Board to deny prisoners their release date based
7 on the commitment offense factor only the court indirectly is directing the Board
8 to disregard the criteria to find the inmate suitable for a parole release date.

9 This holding of the California Supreme Court is contrary to the command of the
10 Legislature in Penal Code Sec. 3041 (a) that the Board shall establish criteria to
11 find the inmate suitable for a parole release date and to set the base term.

12 The words and phrases in Penal Code Sec. 3041 (a); and the rules in Title 15 of
13 CCR 2400 to 2411 cannot be regarded as mere surplusage; They mean something. Carter
14 v. U.S., *supra*, 530 U.S. 255, 262, 120 S.Ct. 2159, 2165.

15 By disregarding the circumstances to find prisoners suitable for a parole release
16 date the Board is disregarding our good conduct in prison, the efforts we
17 have made to obtain our high school equivalent certificate, to complete vocational
18 and self-help programs and the credits we have earned during two decades of parti-
19 cipation in the programs. Everything has been but empty formulas of words.

20 This holding of the Court is contrary to the clearly established law which hold:
21 "The prevalent modern phylosophy of penology is that the punishment shall fit
22 the offender and not merely the crime." (*Williams v. New York*, 337 U.S. 241,
23 247-248, 69 S.Ct. 1079, 1083-1084, 93 L.Ed. 1337 (1949)."*United States v. Grayson*,
24 438 U.S. 41, 45, 98 S.Ct. 2110, 2113 (1978); *In re Minnis*, 7 Cal.3d 639, 644,
25 102 Cal. Rptr. 749, 752 (1972); *In re Rodriguez*, 14 Cal.3d 639, 650, 122 Cal. Rptr.
26 252, 560 (Cal. 1975).

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1 "The decision of parole turns on a "discretionary assessment of a multiplicity
2 of imponderables, entitling primarily what a man is and what he may become
3 rather than simply what he has done." *Greenholtz v. Inmates of Nebraska Penal*
4 & *Corr.*, 442 U.S. 1, 10, 99 S. Ct. 2100, 2105 (1979); *Board of Pardons v. Allen*,
482 U.S. 369, 107 S. Ct. 2415, fn. (1987).

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6 The Court further contrary to the law of statutory construction and in an
7 unreasonable manner considered the Legislative history of the ISL as well as the
8 circumstances of the enactment of the statute to determine the intent of the
9 Legislature. *People v. Craft*, supra, 41 Cal.3d at 560, 224 Cal. Rptr. at 629.

10 From 1975 to 1978 the Legislature made several amendments to the ISL. See *In re*
11 *Williams*, 53 Cal. App.3d 10, 15, 125 Cal. Rptr. 457, 460 (1975); *In re Dannenberg*,
12 23 Cal. Rptr.3d at 427, 435-437.

13 The Amendments to the ISL were made because the Board in an arbitrary manner was
14 imposing excessive punishments to the prisoners. See *In re Minnis*, 7 Cal.3d 639,
15 102 Cal. Rptr. 749 (1972); *In re Rodriguez*, 14 Cal.3d 639, 122 Cal. Rptr. 552 (1975);
16 *In re Lynch*, 8 Cal.3d 410, 105 Cal. Rptr. 217 (1972); *In re Sturm*, 11 Cal.3d 258,
17 113 Cal. Rptr. 361 (1974); *In re Williams*, 53 Cal. App.3d 10, 125 Cal. Rptr. 457,
18 (1976). In *In re Dannenberg*, supra, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 435-436, 441-442 the California
19 Supreme Court concedes that previous to the amendments to the ISL the Board was
20 arbitrarily and capriciously imposing excessive punishments.

21 In order to prevent the Board from arbitrarily and capriciously denied prisoners
22 their release dates the Legislature commanded the Board to set criteria in order
23 to find the inmate suitable for a parole release date and guidelines to set the
24 base term. Penal Code Sec. 3041 (a).

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1 Now the California Supreme Court no only failed to consider the history of the
2 ISL in a way to prevent the Board from arbitrarily applied the law (from capri-
3 ciously and arbitrarily denied us (prisoners) our release date on parole) but
4 it construed the ISL in a way that it is encouraging the Board to denied us our
5 release on parole in a more capriciously and arbitrarily manner than previous to
6 the amendments to the ISL.

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8 For the foregoing reasons the construction of Penal Code Sec. 3041 in In re
9 Dannenberg 34 Cal. 4th 1061 shall be declared unconstitutional because the
10 construction of Penal Code Sec. 3041 is contrary to the statutory construction,
11 it is contrary to the Legislature's intent, it violates petitioner's Due Process
12 rights and it is contrary to the clearly established law by the United States
13 Supreme Court.

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THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT CONSTRUED PENAL CODE SECTION 3041 IN A WAY
THAT IT TURNED THE ISL INTO A VAGUE LAW IN VIOLATION OF THE DUE PROCESS
CLAUSE TO THE CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONS.

6 The State's vague law is reviewable by the federal courts.

7 "Where the statute or regulation is challenged as vague because individuals
8 to whom it plainly applies simply cannot understand what is required of them
9 and do not wish to forswear all activity arguably within the scope of the
vague terms abstention is not required." *Procurier v. Martinez*, 416 U.S. 396,
10 94 S. Ct. 1800, fn. 5 (1974).

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12 In Dannenberg the Court held that those inmates who believe their confinements
13 have become constitutionally excessive to take their claims to court and the court
14 will review them on proportionality grounds. *Dannenberg*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d at 441-443.

15 However, the Court didn't state how much time is proportionate for a second
16 degree murder sentence (15-years to life sentence).

17 In Dannenberg the Court repeatedly stated that inmates sentenced for a second degree
18 murder convictions are sentenced to serve life maximum terms. See *In re Dannenberg*,
19 *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d at 420-421, 429-432, 434, 436, 439.

20 Then how the 15-years to life sentences can be disproportionate when on the
21 Court's judgment every second degree murder sentence is a natural life maximum
22 sentence?

23 The principle of gross disproportionality only exist on death penalty sentences.

24 *Harmelin v. Michigan*, 501 U.S. 957, 995, 111 S. Ct. 2680, 2701-2702 (1991). But if
25 it exist it is applied only in the "exceedingly rare" and "extreme" case. *Lockyer*
26 *v. Andrade*, 538 U.S. 63, 73, 123 S.Ct. 1166, 1173 (2003); *Harmelin v. Michigan*,
27 *supra*, 501 U.S. 957, 963, 111 S. CT. 2680, 2685.

1 Therefore, under the principle of disproportionality the sentence of an inmate
 2 who was sentenced to 15-years to life for second degree murder conviction will
 3 be an exceedingly rare and extremely rare finding of disproportionality.

4 This holding of the California Supreme Court is contrary to the clearly established
 5 law by the United States Supreme Court which has held:

6 "The Government's regulatory interest in community safety can, in appropriate
 7 circumstances, outweigh an individual's liberty interest when the individual
 8 has been arrested for a specific category of extremely serious offenses."

9 U.S. v. Salerno, *supra*, 481 U.S. 738, 748-750, 107 S. Ct. 2095, 2102-2104, and
 cases cited therein.

10 The United States Supreme Court has held that: "It would certainly be dangerous
 11 if the Legislature could set a net large enough to catch all possible offenders,
 12 and leave it to the courts to see inside and say who could be rightfully detained
 13 and who should be set at large, this would, to some extent, substitute the
 14 judicial for the Legislative department of government." *Kolander v. Lawson*,
 15 *supra*, 461 U.S. 352, 103 S. Ct. 1855, fn. 7; *Smith v. Goguen*, 415 U. S. 566,
 16 94 S. Ct. 1242, fn. 9 (1974).

17 The California Supreme Court did exactly that. The Court held that the BPT can
 18 denied parole to every inmate on the commitment offense factor only and if the
 19 inmate believe he has been retained beyond the constitution allows then to take
 his claim to court and the court will review it on disproportionality grounds.

20 In re Dannenberg, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 441-443. *

21 "A Statute which either forbids or requires the doing of an act in terms so
 22 vague that men of common intelligence must necessarily guess at its meaning and
 23 differs as to its application, violates the first essential of the Due Process
 24 of Law." *Smith v. Goguen*, *supra*, 415 U.S. 566, 94 S. Ct. 1242, 39 L.Ed.2d 605,
 fn. 8.

25 * The Court didn't say how those fellow inmates-who have the disability to learn
 26 high enough to present their claims to court- can take their claims to court.
 Therefore, Penal Code Section 3041 was also construed in a discriminatory
 manner and in violation of the ADA because only the wealthy and the educated
 can take their parole decision claims to court.

1 The California Supreme Court in *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d at 421,
2 443 held that the Board can denied to prisoners our release on parole for the rest
3 of our natural life only by pointing to some evidence that the particular circumstances
4 of the crime-circumstances beyond the minimum elements of the conviction-
5 indicate exceptional callousness and cruelty with trivial provocation, and that
6 those suggested the inmate remains a danger to public safety.

7 The Court didn't say what are the circumstances beyond the minimum elements of
8 the prisoner's conviction the Board can consider to denied a prisoner his release
9 on parole for the rest of his natural life.

10 The Courts have recognized that all second degree murder by their nature involve
11 a disregard for the life of another. *In re Rosenkrantz*, 80 Cal. App. 4th 409,
12 95 Cal. Rptr.2d 279, fn. 13 (Cal. App. 2 Dist. 2000); "All second degree murders
13 by definition involve some callousness--i.e., lack of emotion or sympathy, emotional
14 insensitivity, indifference to the feelings and suffering of others." *In re Scott*, 119 Cal. App. 4th 871, 891, 15 Cal. Rptr.3d 32, 45 (2004); A Florida Court
15 also recognize that all killings are atrocious." *Proffitt v. Florida*, 428 U.S. 242,
16 255, 96 S. Ct. 2960, 2968 (1976); "An ordinary person could honestly believe that
17 every unjustified, intentional taking of human life is "especially heinously,
18 outrageously or wantonly vile, horrible, inhuman." *Godfrey v. Georgia*, 442 U.S.
19 420, 428-429, 100 S. Ct. 1759, 1764-1765; *Maynard v. Cartwright*, 486 U.S. 356,
20 364, 108 S. Ct. 1853, 1859 (1988).

22 For the Members of the Board no matter how or why the murder occurred they always
23 find that the prisoner committed the crime in an especially cruel. or callous
24 manner, and that the crime was carried out in a way that "demonstrates an exception-
25 ally callous disregard for human suffering" and that the motive for the crime
26 "was inexplicable or very trivial in relation to the offense." That the prisoner
27 needs therapy in order to face, discuss, understand and cope with stress in a
28 non-destructive manner. That until progrss is made, the prisoner continues to be

1 unpredictable and a threat to others. See *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d
2 at 423-424; *In re Ramirez*, 114 Cal. Rptr.2d 381, 388; *In re Rosenkrantz*, 80 Cal.
3 App. 4th 409, 418, 95 Cal. Rptr.2d 279, 286, fn. 10, and fn. 14; *In re Scott*, 119
4 Cal. App. 4th 871, 883, 889, 15 Cal. Rptr.3d at 39, 44.

5 Therefore, no matter what are the circumstances of the crime the evidence shows
6 that the Board always had found and it will find in every murder crime-circumstan-
7 ces beyond the minimum elements of the crime- and that the prisoner committed the
8 crime with exceptionally callousness and cruelty with trivial provocation.

9 Therfore, without guidelines to find the inmate suitable for a parole release
10 date and to set the base term the ISL is vague and the construction of Penal Code
11 Sec. 3041 in *In re Dannenberg*, 34 Cal. 4th 1061 shall be declared void and uncons-
12 titutional by this Court because it violates petitioner's Due Process Rights to the
13 California and United States Constitutions. 5th, 6th, and 14th Amendments.

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15 Due to the fact that petitioner was not charged with first degree murder under
16 Penal Code Sec. 189, neither the Court nor anybody within the executive branch of
17 Government have jurisdiction to increase petitioner's conviction of second degree
18 murder to a conviction of first degree murder in that the elements of first degree
19 murder were not on the information. *Stirone v. United States*, 361 U.S. 212, 217,
20 4 L.Ed.2d 252, 256, fn. 3 (1960); *Hendrson v. Morgan*, 426 U.S. 637, 645; *Almendaraz-*
21 *Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224,228, 118 S. CT. 1219, 1223, 140 L. Ed.2d
22 (1998); *U.S. v. Hooker*, 841 F.2d 1225, 1231-1232 (4th Cir. 1988).

23 Therefore, because petitioner was not charged with first degree murder the elements
24 of a first degree murder cannot be considered to denied his release on parole.

25 The consideration of the elements of first degree murder to denied petitioner his
26 release on parole also violates *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 120 S. Ct. 2348, 2355 (2000);
27 and *Blakely v. Washington*, 124 S.Ct. 2531 (2004) that "Under the due process Clause
28 of the Fifth Amendment and the notice and jury trial guarantees of the Sixth Amend-

1 ment, any fact that increases the Maximum penalty for a crime must be charged in an
2 indictment, submitted to the jury, and proven beyond a reasonable doubt."

3 Then, if the elements of a first degree murder charge cannot be considered by
4 the Board to deny petitioner his release on parole, then what are the circumstances
5 to deny his release on parole for the rest of his natural life or to increase his
6 punishment of second degree murder conviction to a punishment of first degree murder
7 conviction?

8 Is not the construction of Penal Code Section 3041 a vague law?

9 The United States Supreme Court requires lines between the sentences when the
10 crimes are divided into degrees. *Solem v. Helm*, 77 L.Ed.2d at 652-653.

11 The United States Supreme Court further has held:

12 "If arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement is to be prevented laws must provide
13 explicit standards for those who apply them." *Grayned v. City of Rockford*, 408
14 U.S. 104, 108-109; *Kolander v. Lawson*, *supra*, 461 U.S. 352, 357-358, 103 S.Ct. 1858.
15 "Although, the doctrine focuses both on actual notice to the citizens and
16 arbitrary enforcement, we have recognized recently that the more important
17 aspect of the vagueness doctrine "is not actual notice, but the other principle
18 element of the doctrine--the requirement that a legislature establish minimal
19 guidelines to govern law enforcement." (*Smith v. Goguen*, 415 U.S. 566, 574,
20 94 S. Ct. 1242, 1247-1248, 39 L.Ed.2d 605 (1974).

21 "When the Legislature fails to provide such minimal guidelines, a criminal
22 statute may permit "a standardless sweep that allows policemen, prosecutors,
23 and juries to pursue their personal predictions." *Id.*, at 575, 94 S. Ct., at
24 1248.) *Kolander v. Lawson*, 461 U.S. at 358, 103 S. Ct. at 1858.

25 "One of the premises of the void for vagueness doctrine is that an excessively
26 vague statute promotes arbitrary and discriminatory law enforcement by delegating
27 (too much) power to the law-enforcement officers." *Grayned v. City of Rockford*
28 408 U.S. 104, 108-109; *Kolander v. Lawson*, *supra*, 461 U.S. 352, 357, 103 S. Ct.
1855, 1858; *Bear v. City of Wauwatosa*, 716 F.2d 1117, 1124 (7th Cir. 1983);
United Beverage Co. v. Ind. Alcoholic Beverage, 760 F.2d 155, 158 (7th Cir. 1985).

1 The California Legislature commanded the BPT to establish criteria and guidelines
2 to find the inmates suitable for parole release dates and to set the base ter.

3 See Penal Code Subsection 3041 (a); and Title 15 of CCR Sec. 2401, 2402, and 2403.

4 Therefore, the Legislature established or commanded to be established the guide-
5 lines required by the United States Supreme Court to avoid vagueness and to prevent
6 the government from capriciously and arbitrarily apply the law.

7 However, the California Supreme Court overruled most of Penal Code subsection
8 3041 (a) (It only left intact the requirement that one year previous to the inmate
9 minimum term the Board consider the inmates for a parole release dates) the rest
10 was overruled. The Court overruled the Matrices to set the base term. See In re
11 Dannenberg, supra, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417, 433, and fn. 15. And by holding that the
12 Board can denied to every prisoner our release on parole based on the commitment
13 offense factor only the Court impliedly is directing the Board to disregard the
14 criteria to find the prisoners suitable for a parole release date). The Court
15 further is directing the Board to increase second degree murder crimes to first
16 degree murder crimes. See In re Dannenberg, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d 417, fn. 16.

17 Previous to the decision in Dannenberg the Board was denying parole to over than
18 99 percent of the inmates who were suitable for a parole release date and to those
19 who the Board found suitable for a parole release date the Governor has cancelled
20 their release dates. See In re Dannenberg, 23 Cal. Rptr.3d at 448.

21 Therefore, if previous to the decision on Dannenberg,--when the Board had to
22 consider the guidelines to find the inmate suitable for a parole release date--
23 the Board and the Governor were capriciously and arbitrarily denying prisoners
24 our release on parole now when they don't have to consider the guidelines they are
25 denying release on parole in a more capricious and arbitrary manner.

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1 The law of vagueness require guidelines and standards to prevent the government
2 from arbitrarily applied the law, however, the California Supreme Court not only
3 failed to provide guidelines to avoid arbitrariness on parole decisions, but it
4 eliminated the minimum guidelines that were in effect which guidelines were
5 commanded by the Legislature.

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7 Therefore, the California Supreme Court turned the ISL into a vague law more
8 vague than it was previous to its decision in In re Dannenberg, *supra*, 34 Cal. 4th
9 1061 and it construed Penal Code Section 3041 in a discriminatory manner in
10 violation of the ADA and Due Process Clause to the California and United States
11 Constitutions.

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13 For the foregoing reasons this Court shall declare the Decision in In re
14 Dannenberg, 34 Cal. 4th 1061, unconstitutional on vagueness grounds and in
15 violation of the ADA and in Violation of the Due Process Clause to the California
16 and United States Constitutions. 5th, 6th, and 14th Amendments.

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20 I, Isidro DeLuna, swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is
21 true and correct. Signed at Soledad, California on December 20, 2005.

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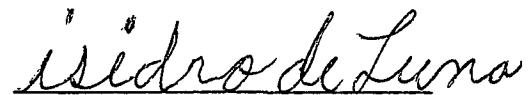
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